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Tewell Announces Junior Cast For "You Can't Take It With You"

Eight girls and twelve boys have been selected to make up the cast for the Junior play, "You Can't Take It With You," according to an announcement made by Director Dan Tewell. The announcement followed tryouts which were held January 16 and 17.

The rollicking comedy takes place in the home of Martin Vanderhof where in a every-man-for himself atmosphere the members of the household go about the business of living in the complete sense of the word.

Penny Sycamore, a would be writer, will be played by Norma Simons. Pat McClanahan will play the part of Essie, Penny's daughter. The maid has been double cast and will be played by Ozella Pierce and Nadine Allmon. Paul Sycamore, Penny's husband and Mr. DePinna, an Italian, are partners in a fire-works escapade. These parts are taken by Rex McDaniels and Bob Bell respectively. Essie's husband, Ed, is played by Gene Siefert.

Reba's not-so-industrious boy friend Donald is played by Neil Singleton. Martin Vanderhof known as Grandpa, is characterized by Bob Schmidt.

Letty Lemon and Ted Montgomery provide the romantic interest of the play as Alice and Tony.

The Russian ballet teacher, Boris Kolenskikh, is none other than James McDaniel. He meets his native friend, the Grand Duchess, portrayed by Janis Burnidge.

Mr. Kirby, Tony's father, will be played by Winston Deacon, while the role of Mrs. Kirby has been double cast with Phyllis Wilson and Jeanne Freeto sharing the part.

Jim, Mac, and the chief are G-Men played by Glen Hough, Jim Webb, Herk Slutter, Don Marquardt, and Harold Ray.

The critics chosen for judging were Gene Montee and Lee Franklin.

Gene, a graduate of PHS, is now in the insurance business although he was previously a radio announcer at KSEK and KOAM. During his school years he was active in both speech and dramatics.

"A lot of students in high school think that speech is like taking medicine," stated Gene, "but it is very important in any field of work you may enter."

"We are basing the characters everyone a fair chance," he continued, explaining the method for choosing the cast.

Lee, who is from Baxter Springs, has been active in plays in high school. He belonged to the Masquers Dramatic Society which is a national organization for young dramatists. He directed one-act plays in the Little Theater in Baxter last summer. At present he is studying for his Masters Degree in speech and English.

"We are rating the persons trying out according to points," Lee stated. "The students receiving a 'one' rating get the part," he concluded.

Debaters Enter District Meet

The PHS debaters will close this season with the district tournament which will be held in Independence, Jan. 29. Local debaters will meet Winfield, Arkansas City, and Independence on the current question "Resolved that the Electoral College be abolished." There will be four rounds of debating, two in the morning and two in the afternoon.

Two teams will represent P.H.S., with Phil Reid, Jane Letton and Letty Lemon debating affirmative, and Wanda Tossier and Clayton Walker defending the negative.

Barkwell Top in Polio Ticket Sale

Sammy Barkwell, a junior, has set his goal for selling the polio benefit tickets at 200. He already has sold well over a hundred and still has a week to work.

Sammy is employed at Harry's Cafe, but sells his tickets along Broadway from 12th to 4th, calling at all the business offices as well as stopping the people along the street.

When asked if he had a certain technique of approaching the people Sammy stated, "No I just walk up to them and say, 'Would you like to buy a polio benefit ticket? They are twenty-five cents and the money goes to a good cause.' A lot of say they cannot go to the game, but they usually buy tickets anyway."

Dance Class Meets

The square-dancing class under the direction of Helen Messenger met in the Little Theater on Monday, January 23. Classes will be held each Monday afternoon from 3:15 to 3:45.

Twenty couples making five squares enrolled for the class. No more enrollments will be accepted unless a couple should drop out.

The dancers will learn one square a week and at the close of the course they will give a demonstration.

The National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis chose seven year old Wanda Wiley from Austin, Texas, as their poster girl for this year's polio drive.

Kansas Day Recalls Early State Struggles

Sunday, Jan. 29, will mark the 89th milestone in the history of Kansas.

Four hundred and nine years ago Coronado and his band of 1100 Spaniards from New Mexico crossed the planes in search of wealth of "Quivira" a region northeast of the Great Bend of the Arkansas. These were the first white men to enter the state.

After Napoleon had conquered Spain early in the 19th century, a vast tract of land in the central part of the United States was ceded to France. This area included Kansas and was known as "Louisiana."

French priests touched the soil of Kansas along the Missouri River, but no settlement was made.

With the establishment of prairie commerce to Santa Fe, the emigration to the Mormon lands and to California, and explorations for transcontinental railway, Kansas became well known and was no longer considered a part of the "Great American Desert."

After the Louisiana Territory was purchased by the United States in 1804, Kansas was made into a permanent Indian territory. On its Indian reservations some whites live—possibly 800 in all.

Fort Leavenworth was established in 1827, Fort Scott in 1842, and Fort Riley in 1835. By 1837 there were many active missions in the territory and requests were made to Congress for territorial government. Those requests were granted in 1854 by the Kansas-Nebraska Bill which admitted great numbers of settlers and provided for a territorial government.

The next seven years saw endless war between anti-slavery and pro-slavery elements. Many atrocities were committed by marauders who professed to be on one side or the other. The most famous was Quantrill who had such men as the James brothers and the Younger brothers in his service. The town of Lawrence was completely destroyed by Quantrill's band.

In 1861 Senator William H. Sew-

Four Srs. To Take Summerfield Tests

Bob Masterson, Jay Johnston, Richard Comstock, and Bill Hamilton have been selected to take the Summerfield Scholarship tests, according to an announcement made recently by Mr. England, principal of the high school.

Preliminary tests will be given on March 6, the time and place to be announced later. Those students making the highest scholarship rating on this test will be eligible for the finals which will be given April 3-4 at Kansas University.

The Summerfield Scholarship at Kansas University is open to outstanding senior high school boys in Kansas. The scholarship covers necessary university fees and living expenses during the student's years at the university.

Name Booster Staff

Bob Coughenour has been selected to take over the editorship of the Booster for the second semester. He succeeds Eugene Liebig who has been the editor for the first semester. Doris DuBois and Robert Masterson will continue as advertising managers for the publication.

Other staff members for the spring semester are: Marcella Dauchez, first page editor; Norma Barbero, second page editor; Rebecca Lewis, third page editor; Bob Smith and Eldon Huffman, fourth page editors; Eugene Liebig, art editor; Bob Fountain, exchange editor; Sherry Strecker and Joan Uttley, feature editors; Charles Bell and Jim McCabe, photographers; and Sally Robins, circulation manager.

The new staff members began their duties with this issue of the paper.

ard of New York introduced the bill which made Kansas a free state. This was accomplished only after southern senators had withdrawn from the senate.

Charles Robinson was elected first governor of the state.

March Of Dimes In City Schools

Pittsburgers have a treat in store for them on Monday, January 30, when the city schools stage the Infantile Paralysis Contest in Roosevelt Gymnasium. Money from the sale of tickets will help the schools reach the goal of \$1000 which they have set for this year's Polio contribution.

In the main attraction Lakeside and Roosevelt Junior High Schools will clash in a basketball game. The high school band directed by Gerald Blanchard will present several stunts, and members of civic clubs in Pittsburg will play volleyball.

The polio epidemic of 1949 was the worst in history. Kansas reported 750 cases. Due to the tremendous financial burden of the epidemic funds were exhausted and a special campaign was necessary to carry on the work of the organization.

The March of Dimes drive now being carried on should be looked upon as critical. Leaders hope to raise sufficient funds at this time so that it will not be necessary again to appeal to the people in an emergency effort.

John England, senior high principal, is the general manager of the polio drive throughout the Pittsburg schools. Jim Morey is chairman of the drive in the high school and in Roosevelt Junior High, while Elton Cline supervises the drive in the city grade schools.

Harriet King to K. U.

Harriet King has been selected to represent PHS at the High School Leadership Day on Saturday March 4 at Lawrence. This program is sponsored by the Associated Women Students of the University of Kansas.

The purpose of Leadership Day is to acquaint the women with responsibilities of University leadership, activities, and the campus itself. There will be a full day's program including a talk by Miss Margaret Habein, Dean of Women,



JUNIOR CLASS PLAY CAST—Back row, Neil Singleton, Herk Slutter, Director Dan Tewell, Glenn Hough, Robert Schmidt, Bob Bell Third row, Ozella Pierce, Nadine Almon, Gene Seifert, Rex McDaniels, Phyllis Wilson, Winston Deacon. Second row, Jean Freeto, Letty Lemon, Norma Simons, Pat McClanahan, Janice Burnidge, Jim McDaniels. Front row, Jerry Schwindt, Don Marquardt, Harold Ray, Ted Montgomery.

THINK IT OVER

A New Semester Has Begun

Now that the final exams are over we have a moment to reflect upon the accomplishments of the first semester and to give an interested glance toward the future in anticipation of the second term.

1949 was a good year: the football team did a fine job, the senior play was a huge success, the debate teams own honors in tournaments, and everyone in PHS did his best to make the year one of accomplishments. 1950 is a challenge with opportunities for better class work, higher grades, and greater participation in extra-curricular activities.

Sometimes our accomplishments are offset by shortcomings, so at the beginning of the new semester each student should take stock of his successes and failures and make a few new-semester resolutions.

Our Dimes Fight Polio

The dictionary defines poliomyelitis as an inflammation of the gray matter of the spinal cord often resulting in death or a crippled condition for life. We know it as polio, a horrible disease that cripples children, ruins fine athletes, kills thousands yearly, and costs the people of the U. S. millions each year.

Our dimes which we donate during the March of Dimes, not only help those who suffer from the disease, but also they pay for continued research in this field of medical science. Last year's record breaking epidemic has exhausted our funds, this year's epidemic may be just as bad. PHS can have a part in this great work by selling tickets to the benefit game and by donating all the money possible in order that someday scientists will find a preventative medicine for this disease.

Do your part. Give dimes generously. Fight polio with dimes.

Senior Personalities

RALPH SILL

If you happen to stroll down a PHS hall and hear a loud rendition of "Mule Train" you will know that Ralph Sill is probably near by.

Ralph was born in dear ol' Pittsburg in 1932 and has lived here ever since. He refuses to reveal his middle name and says the only way to find out is to ask his mother.

Ralph is a senior cheerleader, he enjoys cheerleading because he likes to yell his head off in supporting the team, and he also gets a big kick out of the way some people yell.

He has no particular hobby unless it would be collecting pennants from other towns.

Ralph likes to go to out of town games, he enjoys after-game dances where he poses as an ambassador of good will from PHS. In this way he hopes to promote a

better understanding(???) with students from other schools.

Ralph claims that he likes all his teachers and subjects but doubts if the feeling is mutual.

His biggest honor will be to graduate(he hopes). He will miss most those friendly arguments with Damrill.

His ambition is to travel to California or South America. Upon his return he would like to go to college.

JERRY WILLIAMSON

Vim, vigor, and vitality are probably the outstanding characteristics of this auburn haired senior who for the past two years has led yells for PHS.

During her three years in senior high, Jerry Williamson has been prominent in many activities. She served on the Y-Teen cabinet, had a part in the senior class play, took an active part in the GAA, and played in the intramural sports.

When asked what her favorite pastime was she laughingly replied, "Silly girl." Later she seriously added that her chief occupation now is embroidering articles for her hope chest.

This popular co-ed likes dancing with "Tag" Ford, a former PHS student who now lives in Neosho, Missouri. She definitely dislikes poor sportsmanship.

Jerry admits no favorites among the teachers, for she likes all of them. Government is her favorite subject.

As for the future, Jerry has plans.

She received her engagement ring at Christmas time, and her ambition is to be the perfect wife.

HARRIET KING

Anyone wandering past the band room any time of day is most likely to find Harriet King there, as this is where she spend her spare time.

Harriet is one of the most musical in P.H.S. for included in her activities are: the double trio chorus, music contests, and chairmanship of the Y-Teen music committee. But probably her biggest honor was being chosen Purple and White editor. These activities keep her plenty busy but she does manage to find time to do a little composing and arranging of her own.

Harriet loves to sing in large choruses and has had experience in this by attending the National Camp at Interlochen, Michigan, for two years. She likes most types of music except hill-billy and her favorite popular singer is Perry Como. Next year this brown haired sen-



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January 16-31

FIGHT INFANTILE PARALYSIS

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis
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ior plans to attend K. U. where she will major in voice. In the future she would like to do opera, musical comedy, or to give concerts.

Topic of the Day

by Letty Lemon
American History Student

WATER

Whether you're six feet one or five feet two, wear a size eleven shoe or a size one and a half, have blonde hair or none at all, you have one thing in common with every other living thing--you need water. Getting it to you is becoming something of a problem in certain areas of this country.

When you hear about New York's water shortage with its "Shaveless" and "Bathless" days it's logical to ask can it happen here?

Before this question can be answered the causes for water shortages have to be determined. They are many and varied, but experts have summed them all up in this way. There is enough water for the whole country, but it isn't in the right places.

As for having a water shortage in Crawford County, our water department and chamber of commerce say no. It seems that our water tables, which at 300 to 400 feet, 900 to 1000 feet, and 1400 feet are for from depleted. In the words of Mr. Green, the supervisor of our Pittsburg Water Department, "Pittsburg and Crawford County are definitely not due for any water shortages." So kiddies drink your fill of good old H₂O. It's here to stay.

ENGAGEMENTS

There is an old custom that the engagement and wedding ring should be worn on the third finger of the left hand because it was thought the vein in that finger led directly to the heart. True or not, four girls of P. H. S. are carrying out the old tradition.

After "going steady" Raymond "Tag" Ford decided to make it official and gave Jerry Williamson and engagement ring. Tag is now a student at Neosho High School. Bob Miller of Wichita and Della Redd, a senior of PHS, after a 2-year courtship will be married soon after Del graduates this spring.

You've heard of the old saying "love at first sight." One junior girl, Carol Fanska, proves that this may be true, for after a two month courtship she is engaged to Chester Wetmore and will be married on March 2.

Science Marches On

Amateurs and press cameraman will welcome the new repeating photographic flash tubes designed by General Electric. These tubes are capable of taking thousands of pictures at speed of 1/5000 of a second with a flash duration which has ten times the action-stopping power of the fastest camera shutter now in use. They are designed for power units which are lighter and less costly than existing equipment.

Hens roosting in poultry houses equipped with a new General Electric time switch are enjoying 16 hours of day light these short winter days. Farmers benefit too from the resulting increase in egg production. The farmer may set the switch to "early morning light", "evening light", or a combination of both to suit his needs.

Science has good news for the ladies, too. Several airlines have installed fluorescent lamps in their newest transport planes. These new lamps are of the "soft white" color which is said to be so flattering to complexions.

Ten Years Ago

Debaters from Pittsburg High won two first place trophies and tied for third place at the second annual debate tournament at Fort Scott.

The first all-school skating party was sponsored by the pep club Friday, January 12. The party started at 10 o'clock and ended at 12 o'clock. Miss Lanyon chaperoned.

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We aren't quite certain how they got there (as Miss Marsh will never confess) but sure enough the hammer, screw driver and other tools reported stolen were found in Miss Marsh's desk in the journalism room.

RELAXATION!

The fifth leading high school basketball scorer of the SEK, Walt Prince, likes to relax after a hard game reading "Romantic Actions." Shirley Archer kills time with birds with one stone. She ate her lunch in the funny section of the morning paper and then catches up on "Freckles and His Friends" while contentedly munching her sandwiches!

MISTAKEN INDENTITY

Girls in Miss Messenger's 4th hour gym class are wondering if Pat Eakin and Charles Peterman are Eskimos, Indians, or horses. You don't understand? Well, ask Pat about it!

UNEXPECTED RESULTS

Joan McClure didn't know she was so good looking. Joan waived to one of her girl friends at the Columbus game and was promptly answered by a wave from a Columbus boy!

FIRE EXTINGUISHER,

PLEAS
PHS students traveling to Coffeyville for the basketball game were really hot! Ron Damrill is not altogether sure, however, that the damage done when his car caught on fire, was worth the brilliant fire works it displayed.

CATTY

Bob Coughenour's recommendations for Marcella Dauchez as first page editor of the Booster were immediately seconded by a meek "meow." Detective Eldon Huffman found the culprit lurking outside the journalism room and promptly brought him (or her) in for judgment. The jury, Booster staff, found the defendant "not guilty" and the cat spent the rest of the hour in the lap of luxury or rather in the lap of Sherry Strecker.

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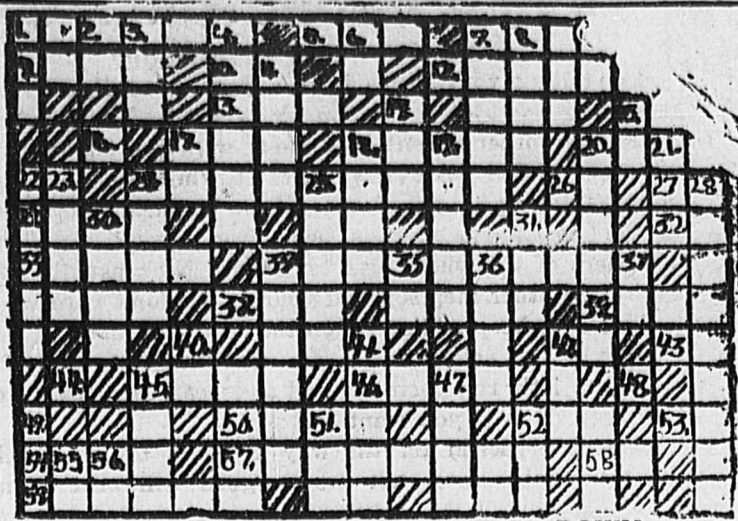
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ACROSS

1. A count of the people
5. A pet
7. Male
9. Exclamation of pain
10. Postscript
12. A story
13. Opposite of in
16. The speaker
17. A preposition
18. Famous outlaw
20. A sailor
22. A boy's name
24. State flower (Kans)
26. "Yes" in Spanish
27. Associated Press (abr)
29. Southeastern Kansas town
32. Seventh tone in scale
- 33-34. Famous track star
38. To annoy by fault finding
39. To rave
42. Medical degree
43. In like manner (adv)
44. Last letter in alphabet
45. If you don't like it you—it
46. To move upward
50. About 20 cents in Mexico
52. Connecting word
53. College at Lawrence
54. Any smell
57. Fourth county
58. To approve
59. To forgive
60. A dry seed vessel

DOWN

1. A gear tooth
2. No comment
3. A female
4. Forks, knives, and ?
6. Toward (prep)
7. The Creator
8. Gifts to the poor
11. Waves breaking on shore
14. A rule
15. To depart
- 18-41. His body lies amouldering in the grave
19. Due reward
20. Crawford County Seat
21. Piece of equipment for baseball
22. Number of natural resources in Southeastern Kansas
23. "Oh, You Beautiful —"
24. "Rope of —"
25. Expression of mirth
28. Home of PHS
30. To jump
31. Indian expression
34. Famous retired senator
35. Opposite of "yes"
36. After eight
37. Name for mother
40. Missouri University
42. Male
45. Fat
47. Opposite of "go"
48. First letter in alphabet
49. Policeman

Girls Play Basketball

The girls gym classes are studying basketball fundamentals. In the latter part of the first six weeks the girls will have an inter-mural basketball tournament.

During the second semester the girls will have a busy schedule including swimming, basketball, softball, badminton, tennis, soccer, archery and callisthenics.

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Clubs

Hi-Y

The Hi-Y chapters met Thursday, January 26, for their regular meetings. These lessons were of the instructional type and were presented by members of the chapter. The responsibility of these meetings is given to different members of the clubs so that they may gain experience in preparing meetings.

The next meeting of the Hi-Y will be a cabinet meeting with the officers and chairmen meeting with their sponsors to determine February's schedule of meetings.

Y-Teen

A regular Y-Teen committee meeting was held Tuesday, January 17 for the purpose of planning the program for future Y-Teen meetings. Written reports were read by each committee chairman telling last semester's activities and expressing plans for the future. Some programs planned were: a speaker to talk on grooming, a song fest by the music committee, a St. Patrick's day party by the social committee, and an Easter assembly by the worship committee.

Wanda Tossier, president, gave a brief outline of the PHS Y-Teen constitution which she is now writing.

Student Council

The Student Council met Tuesday at activity period for the last meeting of the first semester. During the second semester, the meeting will be on Monday afternoon at Student Council period.

Teen-town will be open Friday night after the Wyandotte game. A school dance in the gymnasium will be held after the game with

Coffeyville here February 17.

Bill Naitan, alumnus and former student council president was a guest at the meeting. Bill is a Summerfield Scholar at K.U.

A brief outline of the Rotary Club's meeting held at noon Tuesday was given by Hughes Spencer, one of the Junior Rotarians for this month.

Home rooms were to be informed of the elections of new Student Council members before the next meeting.

Photography

Tuesday, January 24, the Photography Club held a general meeting in room 314. A film was shown on taking pictures indoors and at night. The time of exposure and proper lighting were discussed, and the pictures shown did much to explain these points.

Friday, January 27, is the deadline for all pictures to be entered in the contest. The subject for the next contest will be "Still Life."

G A A

GAA members enjoyed a game of basketball at their meeting on January 18. The teams played the games alternately with Marilyn Kaznerski's team winning over Gertrude Naccaratos, Jeanie Harris's over Winnie Johnston's. A few girls refereed the game for GAA requirements.

GAA members met at the Bowl for a few lines of bowling at the January 25th meeting. The girls divided into six teams. The losers bought cokes for the winners.

Junior Academy of Science

The Junior Academy of Science met on Monday morning, January 23, in Mr. Huffman's room.

Winston Deacon and Jim McCabe who are working on a project in Photography, made reports on their work. Other members reported on individual projects which are in preparation for the state meeting in Wichita in the spring.

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Junior High School Cagers Play Benefit Game



The clash of the Lakeside Wildcats and the Roosevelt Raiders on Monday night will highlight the Polio Benefit Contest... These cross-town rivals always play bang-up ball. The game promises to be one of the scrappiest battles on the local court this season.

Headlight-PICTURES-Sun

BOB'S BASKETBALL BABBLE

Bob Coughenour

I'm telling you! If we have any more of these onepoint affairs this year and don't come out on the right end of the score this reporter and a few other ardent fans along with the basketballers will probably, commit suicide. Oh well! You can't win them all, but let's not make a habit of losing by one or two points. My heart just won't stand it.

The points lately have been pretty well distributed between the members of the whole first team with Nick usually leading but followed by the other members. Of course, we don't care who gets the points, just so they keep adding up on the score board.

This is my solemn wish...the next time we play Parsons and Independence let's run them ragged and beat them by 30 or 40 points. You guys can do it if you want to.

Due to criticism on the way I wrote up my prediction last time, I very simply state that the Dragons will beat Wyandotte 10 points and Chanute 30 points. Does that suit you critical people?

The big news item of the week is probably the Infantile Paralysis Benefit game, Monday between the Roosevelt and Lakeside teams. All you students who bought tickets throw 'em away, then dig down a little deeper and buy two or three more tickets and go to see the athletic battle of the year, Monday, Jan. 30. See you there, kiddo!

According to the Kansas State paper, "Hoot" Gibson has been doing one of the better jobs as a K-State basketballer. He certainly surprised the people in New York with his large hat and cowboy boots. The Kansas State paper seemed really convinced that "Hoot" will show them in the next few years. Go to it "Hoot", we're cheering for you.

Dragons Meet Bulldogs Tonite

The Pittsburg Dragons will engage the Wyandotte Bulldogs on the home court tonight at 8 o'clock. This will be a bloody battle all the way as a result of the humiliating defeat the Dragons suffered from the soup hounds from up north last year.

The Bulldogs have been enjoying a five game winning streak according to the latest information received last Friday afternoon.

The Dragons have been doing well for themselves, as they are holding down second place in the S.E.K.

Due to the marksmanship of both teams, this game should prove a thriller from start to finish.

The usual line up will open the game at 8 o'clock with a preliminary game scheduled to start at 6:30.

The "Little Dragons" have a score to settle due to the 37 to 25 defeat they suffered from the Bullpups, last season.

Come on out and see a fast hard fighting tussel tonight, as it will be well worth your time and money.

Lose Thriller To Independence

In a decisive battle that ended the first half of league play, the Dragons dropped a heartbreaker to the Independence Bulldogs. This is the second league defeat in seven starts.

The Dragons were defeated in the last few minutes of play after they dominated the first quarter 12 to 21, however the Bulldogs led at the end of the third quarter by 29 to 28. The final quarter was a see-saw affair with the Dragons drawing the short end of the score. The final score was Pittsburg 40, Independence 41.

Those leading the Pittsburg attack were Prince, Nicholson, and Wilson.



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